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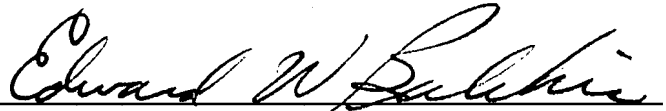
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF INFORMALITY

Sir:

The Request for Correction of Informality, dated October 17, 2001, inquires about the relationship between the above-identified application and application number 08/723,483 (the " '483 application"). The '483 application does support the counts in this application and it evidences a constructive reduction to practice of the subject matter of the counts at least as of the November 10, 1998 filing date of the '483 application. The '483 application would be entitled to claim priority on provisional application 60/018,095 if at least one patent in the chain of co-dependency from the '483 application was reissued to claim such priority. The provisional application also supports the counts of this application and it evidences a constructive reduction to practice of the subject matter of the counts at least as of the May 22, 1996 filing date of the provisional application.

At this time, Applicant is electing not to amend this application to refer to all of the applications in the chain of co-pendency and to file reissue applications for the purpose of claiming priority. Thus, for the present, applicant is not claiming priority to the '483 application or the provisional application, although applicant may subsequently do so.

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